

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (232400A). XIX, XIII and XVI Corps. All no change.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. 11th Armored Division. No change.

XII Corps. 1st Commando Brigade. Attacked across the RHINE River at 2200A and seized an area to the north of WESTEL A2240. Front line change: A2140 - A2241 - A2341. 15th Division. Attacked across the RHINE River. The 44th and 227th Brigades and one battalion of the 46th Brigade crossed the river and established a bridgehead up to two miles in depth on a six-mile front. Opposition was light. A counterattack from the vicinity of HAFERN A1149 was broken up by artillery fire. The advance was held up by a blown bridge on the ALTER-RHEIN in the vicinity of A1049. Front line change: A1541 - A1542 - A1543 - A1544 - VISSL A1345 - A1247 - A1049.

XXX Corps. 51st Division. Attacked across the RHINE River at 2100A with the 153d Brigade on the right and the 154th Brigade on the left. A bridgehead two to three miles deep on a four-mile front was seized but fighting continued in REES A0752. The 154th Brigade reached SPELDROF A0654. Opposition was moderate. Heavy artillery and mortar fire were encountered on the west bank of the RHINE and during ferrying operations. A counterattack in the vicinity of A0454 was repulsed. Front line change: A0950 - A0951 - A0854 - A0754 - SPELDROF A0654 - A0555 - A0455 - A0454.

XVIII US Airborne Corps. 6th British Airborne and 17th US Airborne Divisions. An airborne operation landed these two divisions east of the RHINE River in advance of the Second British Army bridgehead. The 6th Airborne Division captured HAMMINKELN A2048.

II Canadian Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I Canadian Corps and I British Corps. No change.

AIR. (23 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,276 bombers against marshalling yards in northwestern Germany. 1,244 bombers dropped 3,042.3 tons of general purpose and 398.2 tons of incendiary bombs on all primary targets and several targets of opportunity. 241 P51s sortied in support of the bomber operation. 313 fighter aircraft sortied on fighter sweeps; claims consisted of two enemy aircraft damaged or destroyed. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 453 bombers against the DINSLAKEN A3030 communications center and factory area. In addition, 515 bombers were dispatched against seven communications centers and one flak position in the RUHR. The Tactical Air Commands flew 1,788 sorties. Claims included 32 enemy aircraft, 416 motor transport, 74 locomotives, 1,079 railroad cars, 34 marshalling yards and 6 airfields. Sixteen aircraft were lost.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Small amount during the period. Visibility: 1 to 2 miles at dawn, improving to 3 to 5 miles by 1000A and to 5 to 7 miles during the afternoon. Wind: 15 mph, east southeast. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 71° F. Minimum 39° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. Resistance in and southwest of LUDWIGSHAFEN R5099 was moderate to strong. Resistance elsewhere on the corps front was light. 26th Division. Attached to the XII Corps at 230945A. The 328th Infantry relieved the 358th Infantry (90th Div) in MAINZ M3856. The remainder of the division assembled in the vicinity of M3525. 80th Division. Enroute to its concentration area in the vicinity of M0521. 10th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" advanced three miles

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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

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BOUNDARY CHANGES:

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Temporary boundary between Third and Seventh Armies: SAARBRUCKEN Q4671 - NEUNKIRCHEN Q5983 - KUSEL L7604 - ROCKENHAUSEN MO614 (all to Third Army) - KIRCHHEIM BOLANDEM M1918 (to both armies) - ALZEY M2727 (to Third Army) - GIMBSHEIM M4631 (to Seventh Army).

Boundary between XII US Corps and XX Corps: EHRANG L2434 - RUWER L2632 - MERTESDORF L2830 - THOMM L3327 - RASCHEID L4224 - BOPFINK L5321 - NIEDERBROMBACH L6421 (all to XII Corps) - HAMMERSTEIN L6821 (incl both corps). End of boundary until regrouping completed. (TRIER L2028 to XX Corps with running rights to XII Corps).

Boundary between VIII US Corps and XII US Corps: BINGEN M1151 (to XII Corps) - BINGERBRUCK M1051 - STROMBERG MO249 - DORREBACH L9849 - SIMMERN L8454 - HASSELBACH L7960 - CASTELLAUN L7863 - TREIS L6975 (all to VIII Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (231200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. The 35th and 152d Infantry Regiments were attached to the 1st French Armored Division and concentrated in the vicinity of V8237.

I French Corps. 1st French Armored Division. (Less CC2 and with 35th and 152d Inf atchd). Continued the relief of the 2d Moroccan Division. 2d Moroccan Division. Attached to II French Corps and commenced movement to the corps area. The 5th Infantry Regiment was attached to the 3d Algerian Division and assumed command of a sector along the RHINE River in the vicinity of SELTZ R2732.

II French Corps. Combat Command "2" 1st French Armored Division. Concentrated in the vicinity of OBERNAI V8185 in Corps Reserve.

SEVENTH ARMY. 44th Division and 13th Armored Division. No change.

VI Corps. Groupment Monsabert. Made a slight advance on a three-mile front against heavy resistance and extensive mine fields. Front line change: R3049 - R2549. 14th Armored Division. Attacked north from STEINFELD R2250. Advanced seven miles against moderate resistance. OBERHAUSEN R2355 was captured and Combat Command "R" reached ROHRBACH R2859. Front line change: R2960 - R2660. 36th Division. Captured DONRENBACH R1654 and advanced five miles on a two and one-half mile front against moderate resistance. Front line change: R2952 - R2955 - WINDEN R2755. 103d Division. Advanced ten miles on a six-mile front. Captured BIRKENHORDT R1457, KLINGENMUNSTER R2060 and ERLNBACH R0957 against light resistance. Front line change: KLINGENMUNSTER R2060 - R1765. 42d Division. Reached Q9762 without making contact with the enemy. 4th Division. Continued to assemble in the vicinity of HAGUENAU R0323.

XXI Corps. 100th Division. Occupied WALDFISCHBACH Q9376 and PETERSBERG Q8771 without resistance.

XV Corps. 3d Division. The 7th and 30th Infantry Regiments closed in the division assembly area in the vicinity of M3101. 45th Division. Commenced to assemble in the vicinity of M2406. 63d Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of Q6376. 70th Division. Relieved from attachment and placed in army reserve.

south. Combat Command "R" captured LANDAU R2766. The division passed to the command of the Seventh Army at 232200A. Front line change: R1462 - R2765. 12th Armored Division. (Less CCA). Advanced up to seven miles south on a ten-mile front and captured SPEYER R5180. The division passed to the command of the Seventh Army at 241200A. Front line change: R3571 - R3772 - WESTHEIM R4272 - SPEYER R5180. 94th Division. (With CCA 12th Arm'd Div atchd). Captured LUDWIGSHAFEN R5099. The 302d Infantry held the line of the RHINE River north to WORMS M4514. Relief of the division by 3d Division (Seventh Army) has commenced. Front line change: Line of RHINE River LUDWIGSHAFEN R5099 - WORMS M4514. 16th Cavalry Group. Continued mop-ping up enemy stragglers. 3d Cavalry Group. Assembled in the vicinity of OTTWEILER Q5889.

XII Corps. Cleared all organized resistance west of the RHINE River in zone and established a bridgehead over the RHINE River in the vicinity of M4440 against light resistance. 11th Armored Division. Relieved the 4th Armored Division along the RHINE River from WORMS M4514 to OPPENHEIM M4439 (both incl). Combat Command "R" assembled in the vicinity of ROCKENHAUSEN M0614. The division passed to the command of the XX Corps. Front line change: Line of RHINE River WORMS M4514 - OPPENHEIM M4439. 5th Division. Launched an attack across the RHINE River in the vicinity of M4440 and advanced up to five miles on a seven-mile front. Front line change: M5342 - M5145 - M4648. 4th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" crossed into the bridgehead at 240900A and advanced six miles east. Front line change: M5539. 90th Division. (With 2d Cav Gp atchd). Cleared all organized resistance in zone, crossed into the bridgehead and advanced up to five miles on a five-mile front. Front line change: M5235 - M5437 and M3058 - M2456. 89th Division. Assigned to the VIII Corps and enroute to concentration area in the vicinity of L8664.

VIII Corps. 87th Division. Enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of GONDERSHAUSEN L8273. 6th Cavalry Group. Relieved the 87th Division on the line of RHINE River from the vicinity of BOPPARD L8981 and KOBLENZ L9095.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 2d Division. Advanced up to two miles on a four-mile front against moderate small arms fire. Front line change: F8407 - F8408 - F8210 - F8311. 9th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" advanced two miles on a two and one-half mile front against very light resistance. Front line change: F8502 - F8403 - F8306. 28th Division. Attached to V Corps at 221200A.

III Corps. 99th Division. Advanced one and one-half miles on a one and one-half mile front against scattered resistance but over difficult terrain and captured KURTSCHIED F8015. Front line change: F8114 - KURTSCHIED F8015. 9th Division. Advanced one mile on a three-mile front and captured NESCHEN F7821. Front line change: F7922 - F7822.

VII Corps. 1st Division. Advanced two to two and one-half miles on a five-mile front against moderate to heavy tank, infantry and artillery fire. Front line change: F7435 - F7237 - F7238 - F6941. 104th Division. (Less 414th Inf). Advanced one mile on a one-mile front against moderate to heavy small arms and artillery fire. Front line change: F7433 - F7334. 3d Armored Division. (With the 414th Inf atchd). Closed in its assembly area in the vicinity of F6620. 7th Armored Division. Attached to the III Corps at 221800A. Combat Command "A" and division artillery closed in the bridgehead in the vicinity of F7416.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 36th, 97th, 106th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 232400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
Twelfth Army Group Battle	65,124	265,633	35,356	9,150	375,272
Non-battle					278,532
Total Casualties					653,804

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7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Sixth Army Group

45th Division	GRUNSTADT M3107
63d Division	SPILSEN Q5779
70th Division	MERLEBACH Q3361
71st Division	BITCHE Q7750
100th Division	SCHWEYEN Q7162
2d Moroccan Division	Q9303
14th French Division	RIBEAUVILLE V6955
13th Armored Division	LUNEVILLE V0399
14th Armored Division	SCHTABWILLER R1033

Twenty-First Army Group

53d Division	E9533
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Twelfth Army Group

VIII Corps	SIMMERN L6454
26th Division	ALZEY M2727
104th Division	NFR. OLM M3345
4th Armored Division	KONGERNHEIM M3633
7th Armored Division	VILLIF F5426
9th Armored Division	RHEINBROHL F7110
11th Armored Division	ALZEY M2727

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